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EMBOFF DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON PARAS 5-6 OF REFTEL TO SALIM MAKKI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN

MINISTRY. MAKKI SEEMS QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT INTELSAT AND PROMISED TO ALSO DISCUSS THE AIDE MEMOIRE WITH THE COM-

MUNICATIONS MINISTRY. WHEN ASKED WHAT OTHER LAUNCH VEHICLE

WAS BEING CONSIDERED EMBOFF TOLD MAKKI ORALLY THAT THE FRENCH WOULD LIKE FOR THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY'S ARIANE TO BE UTILIZED. MAKKI DID NOT EXPRESS ANY SYMPATHY FOR THE IDEA, NOTING THAT FRANCE HAD TRIED, ON OCCASION, TO SELL ITS PRODUCTS ON A POLITICAL BASIS, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WOLLE

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